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Dear Mr. Jim:

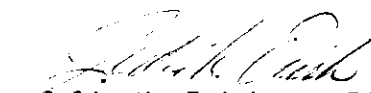
### 100-BC-1 DEMONSTRATION PROJECT EXPEDITED RESPONSE ACTION (ERA) PROPOSAL

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), in cooperation with the State of Washington, Department of Ecology, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), are proposing an ERA at the 100-BC-1 Operable Unit (OU). The objectives of this action are to initiate cleanup at three waste sites in the 100-BC-1 OU and collect information to reduce uncertainties prior to full scale remediation. Excavation of these three sites would begin in early July 1995. Provided as Attachment 1 is a copy of the ERA Proposal for the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Indian Nation (YIN) review. Comments on the document should be sent to Mr. Dennis Faulk at EPA. Also provided for your information is a copy of the Fact Sheet (Attachment 2). The 30-day public comment period began on May 16, 1995.

One of the uncertainties identified is mitigation options for cultural and natural resources. DOE proposes that open relations with affected American Indian representatives increase during the next few months as remedial design activities proceed. Discussions with representatives is currently occurring for activities such as the Natural Resource Trustees, lay-down area siting for this ERA, and collection of natural vegetation seeds. In order to assure that communication continues for all concerns relative to the 100 Area Remediation, DOE would like to meet with the YIN at your convenience. It has been suggested that a "field day" be set up in mid- to late-July to review the waste sites in the 100-BC-1 OU, observe the ongoing excavations, and discuss remedial design and plans for other waste sites.

Please contact Ms. Nancy Werdel on (509) 376-5500 to arrange a meeting or "field day," as desired.

Sincerely,

  
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Attachments: As stated

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